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HILDYARD NOW ADVANCING TO RELIEF OF LADYSMITH

All is Well and Satisfactory With the British Forces There

REINFORCEMENTS NUMBER 24,000 MEN

Situation at Estcourt Still Serious and a Further Retiring Movement Will Likely Be Made—Transports Arriving Daily.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The Admiralty announced this afternoon the arrival at Cape Town today of the troopship Arcana, with the Argyll battalion and the Southern Highlanders, bringing the reinforcements up to 23,500, of which 7,290 have already disembarked at Durban with 18 field guns, a number of machine guns, engineers and hospital troops as well as 700 hundred mules.

This force with that already between Estcourt and Durban is considered sufficient to enable General Hildyard to advance and to take the aggressive against the Boers south of Ladysmith.

According to the latest advices Ladysmith is holding out satisfactorily, everything having been well up to Wednesday.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—5 a. m.—The absence of news of any serious movement against Ladysmith seems to show that the Boers are repeating the strategy adopted by them at Dundee, when they appeared in the front and endeavored to effect a surrounding movement. This seems to have been their object regarding Estcourt and since it is impossible that relief should reach there for some days to come, it is not unlikely that a further retiring movement on Moel river will be made.

The forces now at Pietermaritzburg are too weak to attempt to reopen communication. The artillery and cavalry, especially, are badly needed and it necessarily will take a long time to obtain either, owing to the difficulty of entraining and the necessity of allowing the horses to rest after the long sea voyage.

From the indiscriminate distribution of various divisions at unexpected points, it seems clear that the original plans of General Buller have been wholly changed. Not the slightest word regarding the new plans have been allowed to escape.

The announcement of the arrival of General Methuas at Orange river, however, doubtless means that arrangements are in a forward state for an advance from that point, if the advance has not already begun.

A BOER BULLETIN.

Claim to have Ladysmith Surrounded and Announce Mounting of another Big Gun.

PRETORIA, Nov. 9.—Via London, Nov. 17.—The following dispatch has been received from the Boer camp at Elands Laagte, under today's date:

"Ladysmith has been completely encircled by Boer forces. Our second big gun was successfully placed in position on Buluwan hill in front of Ladysmith. The firing of heavy guns commenced early this morning with no casualties to the burghers up to present."

BRITISH PRISONERS.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—A dispatch from Pretoria says the British prisoners at that place number 62 officers and 1204 non commissioned officers and men.

M'ARTHUR'S ADVANCE.

His Superb and Well-Balanced Force Now Moving Northward on Bayombang.

MANILA, Nov. 18.—6:20 a. m.—General MacArthur, with the Thirty-sixth infantry, and a battalion of the Seventeenth infantry, a troop of the Fourth cavalry, several gattings and a detachment of the signal corps has begun his northward advance from Tarlac, which

will be continued to Bayombang, in the province of New Visayas.

SANTA CRUZ EXPEDITION.

Lawton's Report Gives Much Praise to Major Weisenberger's Service.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The war department has made public a report of Major General Lawton giving details of his expedition in April last to Santa Cruz, in the province of LaLaguna. General Lawton describes the movement of his command, its difficult landing, the advance under Major Weisenberger and the rout of the enemy near the city.

Continuing he says: "To Major Weisenberger I wish to express my appreciation of his valuable services."

SCHLEY HOME FUND.

His Partisan Admirers Still Going on With Their Foolish Plans.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—At a meeting tonight of the Schley home committee of 100, plans were adopted which when put into operation will give the friends of the admiral an opportunity to contribute to the fund.

A number of subscriptions were made and several others announced, including one of \$250 by General Felix Angus, of Baltimore.

GOEBEL RUNNING BEHIND.

From One Ahead, he Has Gone Over Two Hundred to the Bad.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 17.—The official count was received tonight from Floyd and Knott counties. Floyd gives Goebel 156 and Knott gives him 459 plurality. In the last tabulated returns printed Wednesday morning from democratic sources, Goebel's plurality in the state was figured at one vote. In this table, Floyd, unofficial, gave Goebel 400 and Knott 439 plurality. Official returns from these two counties show net loss of 224 for Goebel from the unofficial count.

GETTING IN HIS WORK.

Goebel Asks His Court to Throw Out Louisville Vote on the Ground of Intimidation.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 17.—The attorneys of William Goebel today filed notice with the local election board, asking that the vote of Louisville be thrown out. They claim the election officers and voters were intimidated by the militia ordered out by Governor Bradley, November 7. If the election board should see fit to throw out the vote of Louisville, it will give Goebel a safe plurality.

Burford S. Williams, Coleman Carr

and Wingate Thompson, democratic election officers of Franklin county, were today indicted by the federal jury charged with conspiracy and intimidation against colored voters.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: General trade and industry continue at a maximum volume for this season of the year, while prices, as a whole, manifest a strength unapproached in recent years.

THIS WEEK'S FAILURES.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Duns review says: The failures for the week were 218 in the United States against 223 last year, and 29 in Canada against 25 last year.

COMBINE VS. COMBINE.

United Contractors and Builders of Chicago Issue an Ultimatum to the Trade Unions.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—The Chicago contractors and builders association who have long been threatening a war upon the trades unions which are charged with unduly hampering operations in Chicago, issued an ultimatum tonight stating the terms upon which labor must meet the employers after January next.

They announce that they will refuse to recognize any limitations as to amount of work a man shall do in a day; also any restriction as to the use of machinery; that there will not be any sympathetic strikes; that no restrictions as to the use of any manufactured material, except prison made will be recognized and that the unions shall not prohibit employment of apprentices.

All the building interests of the city signed this ultimatum.

REASON FOR THE BOND PURCHASE

DISASTROUS PANIC AVERTED

A Money Stringency Existed
Which the Sharpers Were
Taking Advantage of

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Russel Sage is quoted as saying when asked what he thought of the United States treasury offer to buy \$25,000,000 of bonds:

"I believe Secretary Gage's action has saved the financial world from a disastrous panic. No one who has been in touch with business enterprises during the past few months can fail to have realized the stringency of the money market. The sharpers took advantage of the situation. They were making a rich harvest of it, but the government has stopped their game."

MOODY BROKEN DOWN.

Forced to Close His Kansas City Meetings and Return to His Home.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 17.—Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, who has been preaching here to thousands nightly is broken in health, and is suffering from an affection of the heart.

His engagement here has been cancelled and he is enroute to his home at Northfield, Mass., in care of a physician.

His friends reluctantly admit they believe his career as a great public speaker is nearing the end.

GOOD RIDDANCE.

Man Commits a Crime in the United States and is Turned over to Canada for Punishment.

VANCOUVER, B. C. Nov. 17.—Colonel Dudley, United States consul at Vancouver, has received instructions from Washington to proceed to Republic, Washington, to investigate the case of Martin Everett, now held by the Canadian authorities at Kamloops.

It was alleged that Everett held up a stage near Grand Forks, and in order to save trouble the American officers handed Everett over to the Canadian authorities.

BURGHERS ARE MASSING FOR ATTACK ON ESTCOURT

Detachment of Fusiliers Cut Off From Their Armored Train Retreat.

ONE HUNDRED KILLED OR MISSING

Remarkable Exhibitions of Valor On the Part of Officers and Men In the Train Fight—An Irish Sergeant Protects His Wounded Captain at Great Risk.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Buller:

"Cape Town, Nov. 16, (evening).—Have received from Hildyard, a Pietermaritzburg telegram, dated November 15, of which the following is the purport: 'The officer commanding troops at Estcourt reports at midday that an armored train left Estcourt this morning with a company of Dublin fusiliers and a company of Durban volunteers. North of Frere, they encountered a party of Boers and began to withdraw. While returning some of the trucks were derailed. The Dublins turned out and advanced toward the enemy, while the rest of the train appears to have returned without them to Estcourt.'

"The officer commanding the troops reports that he was sending mounted troops in order to cover their withdrawal, but that about 100 are missing."

ESTCOURT, Nov. 17.—(Noon).—The Elmelo Boer forces have taken up a position near Ennersdale, a few miles north of here. They have eight seven-pounders and two French guns. Their strength is 2000 men. They have looted Henderson's store. All is quiet here and ready for the enemy if he attacks.

ESTCOURT, Nov. 17.—Noon.—A correspondent who has just visited the sanitarium hospital says all the armored train wounded are doing well. Captain Wylie, in an interview, said Sergeant Tod deserves special mention for having surrounded him with boulders to protect him from the rifle fire, when he was lying helpless and wounded. Tod even lay down beside the officer to cheer him up, a shell landing among the protecting boulders, splattering them with earth, but Wylie sustained no further injury. But for Tod he would have been killed. Several men escaped marvelously.

When Winster Churchill requested Captain Wylie to call for volunteers to remove the upset trucks, bullets, it is said, were dropping on the train "like rain." The men throughout stuck to their work, responding to the noble example set by Churchill and Lieutenant Franklin until the line was cleared. Churchill actually left with the engine, but he got out at the next station, Frere, took a rifle from a soldier, saying he could not leave the wounded and walked away in the direction of the Boers.

Sergeant Hassett, of the Dublin fusiliers, also behaved with the greatest gallantry. He took charge of a firing party and stood up unflinchingly during the Boers' hot fire. His example electrified the fusiliers who kept the

Boers at bay by volleying. Captain Haldame fell early in the engagement, shot through the shoulder. Lieutenant Franklin's conduct is highly praised. He exhibited great coolness during the critical period. He is reported missing.

HE FAVORS EXPANSION.

Senator Hansbrough Has Himself Interviewed on the Political Situation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—United States Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, spent today in this city. He stated that he believes McKinley and Bryan will be candidates next year and that McKinley will be re-elected. Continuing he said:

"The idea of annexing the Philippines is not popular in my state although I favor it myself. I am personally in favor of the free coinage of silver, but I believe the best way to bring it about is through international agreement. I am satisfied too, that McKinley will do everything possible to secure an international agreement."

"I don't look for much work during the next session of congress. We ought to provide for the building of the Nicaragua canal. I don't think Ex-Senator Quay will be seated by the senate."

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